(c) what steps Government propose to take to keep up the tourist traffic in these cities?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV-RAO SCINDIA): (a) In a report of the World Health Organisation under the United Nations Environment Programme, Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta have been included in the list of cities polluted by sulphur dioxide and suspended particulates. However, the Government is not aware of any advices issued by the International bodies to tourists to avoid visiting these cities.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Direct Flight to South Africa by Air India

4178. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved a proposal permiting Air India to have direct link with South Africa; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHA-RAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

Irregularities by Officials of I.T.D.C.

4179. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received a Memorandum on the 19th August, 1992 from a Member of Parliament of Lok Sabha in connection with certain serious irregularities by senior officials of ITDC;

(b) whether the reported irregularities have since been got investigated by an outside agency after shifting the suspected officials from their key positions; and

(c) if so, what are the details of irregularities and the action taken by Government on the investigation report?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV-RAO SCINDIA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On the basis of the Memorandum received from the Member of Parliament, a Prima facie case of committing irregularities by one of the ITDC's officers has been established. ITDC Management has initiated disciplinary action against the said officer.

Functioning of rapid exit taxi project at Bombay

4180. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rapid exit taxi project of the International Airport Authority of India at Bombay has failed to take off; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for non-implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV-RAO SCINDIA): (a) The rapid exit taxi track at Bombay was commissioned in November, 1991 and is in use.

(b) Does not arise.

Residential Accommodation of I.T.D.C. Executives

4181. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of such Hotel General Manager/Managers and other Executives of I.T.D.C. who have their own residential accommodation/House at the Station/Place of their posting, but the same is rented out and are occupying I.T.D.C. Hotel Rooms, Company Owned/Leased Flats/Houses, as their residential accommodation as on date; and

(b) what are the reasons for allowing the above stated I.T.D.C. officials to have their residence in ITDC Hotels, Company owned/leased houses, when majority of ITDC Executives have been allowed